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Subject: RE: Friday's meeting

I don't mind others listening in.

It would be helpful if EPA could draw upon something that gave DEQ anything to build upon as far as expectations. I understand there is no "checklist", but at the same time, multiple iterations of any one justification we provide is just plain inefficient and tiresome. So, I propose that we (DEQ) take the first stab at writing our justification for S&W, but I do not want to turn this into a back and forth game.

Additionally, the more you guys can ask questions pertaining to SB 367 and our path, the better. Last phone call felt very uncomfortable because hardly anything was said by EPA.....if your motive was to just listen great, but if we are to move forward we need to be grown ups and actually engage in a dialogue. Don't worry about "pleases" and "thank yous", you're not going to hurt my feelings. My frustrations arise from lack of verbal communication.

See you Friday, George

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From: Laidlaw.Tina@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Laidlaw.Tina@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 2:21 PM
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For Friday's meeting (which will be at DEQ), would you guys be ok with 1-2 EPA folks from HQs listening to our discussion? We thought it would be helpful for them to hear our conversation first-hand so they understand the issues you're facing and since they'll be involved in the review of whatever demonstration is submitted. Would that be ok with you?

Also, we thought we could focus Friday's meeting on getting clarification on some questions so we aren't making assumptions and we understand what you're thinking. Unfortunately, there is not an EPA checklist for doing a statewide demonstration. We thought it would be useful for us to get a better understanding on DEQ's proposed process so we can work internally to address your questions. I'll plan to send over a draft list of questions no later than tomorrow morning.

Looking forward to talking.

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